Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have another very busy week coming up, in particular for the teaching staff.

**World Teacher’s Day**
Yesterday we celebrated World Teacher’s Day. Can I congratulate and thank teachers for all their hard work that they do at Alma Public School and for going the “extra mile” to give all students at our school the best education that they can. There are many teachers who give up their time out of school hours to contribute to the betterment of public education at our school. Please take the time to thank your child’s teacher for all that they do for your children.

**Stage 3 Excursion**
This is a prime example of teachers giving students the opportunity to experience a Sport and Recreational Camp. Miss Marsh, Miss Jameson and Mr Mortimer were away from their families for a week and were on duty 24 hours a day to care for our students. Thank you to these teachers for their commitment to Alma Public School.

Congratulations to all Stage 3 students who were on the excursion. The feedback from the teachers and from the camp indicated that our student’s behaviour was excellent and that the children and staff had a really great week. We can’t wait to see the photos!

**Kindergarten Orientation**
This will commence on Thursday 31st October. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Pascoe have been busy organising packs for our new kindergarten students and also activities to introduce the students to life at Alma.

**Children’s Week**
This week is Children’s Week and there are many activities occurring around Broken Hill. Tomorrow our preschool will be in Sturt Park celebrating this event. We will be having a Responsible Pet Day for K-2 on Wednesday which has been organised by Mrs Baker.

**Ulysses Toy Run**
Alma Public School will be participating in the Ulysses Toy Run again this year. We have set up a container in the office for children to donate toys for disadvantaged children.

Have a great week!

Regards

Sharon DeGoumois
Relieving Principal
AWARDS
The following students received awards at last assembly last week

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<td>Student of the Week: Harrison Butcher, Ripley Celotto, Angel McConnell Bronze: Jackson Bray, Jack Spink Gold: Connor Daddow, Tannya Everuss, Angel McConnell, Destiny Wheatley</td>
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What’s on this term!

OCTOBER

Tuesday 22nd
♦ P&C Meeting

Wednesday 23rd
♦ Pet Education - Infants

Thursday 31st
♦ Kindergarten Orientation/Transition 9.15am - 11.00am
♦ Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st
♦ Crazy Hair Day

Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th
♦ Book Fair

Wednesday 6th
♦ Stage 2 Excursion departs

Friday 8th
♦ Stage 2 Excursion returns

Tuesday 19th
♦ P&C Meeting

Friday 29th
♦ Ulysses Toy Run

Friday 22nd
♦ Interschool Golf Day

Monday 25th - Friday 29th
♦ Swim School

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th
♦ Carols by Candlelight

Monday 9th
♦ Presentation Day Rehearsal

Tuesday 10th
♦ Presentation Day 10.00am
♦ Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18th
♦ Term 4 Concludes 3pm

Calendar Marker!
Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 5th
December

Alma Public School

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Spooky... Scary...

Thursday
31st October
K-2
5pm to 6pm
Year 3-6
6.30pm to 8pm

Snacks, Drinks, Hotdogs,
Mini Pies,
Chicken Chippies,
Glow Products
Ulysses Toy Run - Donations Wanted!

The Ulysses Motorcycle Club will be helping Santa to collect donations of hamper items and new or used toys that are complete.

Please dig deep and see if you are able to assist other families to also have a good Christmas.

Donations can be left in the decorated crate in the office foyer.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are having a Scholastic Book Fair in Week 5. There is a fantastic range of books to choose from, and all purchases will benefit our school! We are having a preview day for each of the classes next Friday. This will give your child the opportunity to see what is on sale before the fair starts.

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We need to have 10 or less away per day across the school. Don’t forget to contact the school if your child is away and if you need to go away, please contact the school on 8088 2181 as you may be eligible for an EXEMPTION.

Every Day Counts!

Attendance 'Matters'

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We will be coming to Alma Public School on Friday. 29th November... so please keep the donations coming!
Broken Hill Local AECG will be holding an AGM

Date: Tuesday 12 November 2013
Venue: Broken Hill High school J Block (go to rear entrance on Kaolin Street)
Time: 3: 20 PM
$2.00 Fee is due on the day

Agenda
- Memberships and fees
- Table minutes from last AGM
- All positions will be vacated and elections held.
- Correspondence from state tabled
- Discussion and General Business
- Set date for next meeting
- Trish Webb presentations on DEC realignment

If you are a parent/caregiver please come along and become a member of your local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). Have a voice in the decisions making regarding Aboriginal education in your area.

For further inquiries contact
Secretary Sissy Cearns
80825700 / 0466251347

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**What are Family Referral Services?**

Family Referral Services are a free service that help children, young people and families to cope in difficult times by linking families into local services to provide support and assistance.

Family Referral Services may refer you, and other family members, to a broad range of services that might include home visiting, intensive family support, quality child care, housing, parenting education, supported playgroup, drug and alcohol services, mental health services, youth support services, respite care or material aid services.

**Do I Need Support?**

Everyone needs some support from time to time to manage the pressures of a modern family life, particularly if you are experiencing vulnerability. You may just want some advice or you be experiencing something more serious. No matter your situation, your local FRS might be able to help.

- Are you feeling lonely or isolated?
- Are you finding it difficult to look after your children?
- Is someone in your family being violent or abusive to you and/or your children?
- Are you concerned about the amount of drugs or alcohol someone in your family is using?
- Do you or someone in your family have a mental health problem that is impacting on the wellbeing of your children?
- Are you and/or your children unhappy a lot of the time?
- Are you homeless or living in unstable or unsuitable housing?
- Are you worried that you or someone in your family might hurt your child?
- Is there a lot of arguing and shouting in the home?
- Are you worried that you won't be able to cope when your baby is born?

**Can Family Referral Services Help Me?**

This is a free service for children, young people and families of any cultural background.

Some services have a specific focus on supporting Aboriginal families and culturally and linguistically diverse families as well. When you are pregnant, and their partner/family, can also receive support to help prepare for the birth of their baby.

Family Referral Services can help with:
- Identifying and understanding what you and your family needs
- Over the phone or face to face information and advice
- Linking you, and family members, to appropriate and supportive services in your local community

A family worker will talk with you and provide you with information on local services that may be able to support and assist you. The family worker can make a referral(s) for you and your family to the services that will best suit your needs.

**How Do I Contact a Family Referral Service?**

Family Referral Services operate state wide across New South Wales. You can contact your local Family Referral Service directly or you may prefer a family member, friend or your GP to make the initial contact for you.

Workers in government agencies and non-government organisations can also contact a Family Referral Service on your behalf.

Contact details are included in this Factsheet.